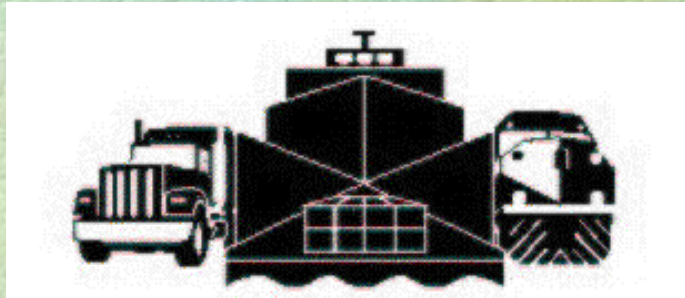


# Heartland Intermodal Partnership



Container On Barge Panel

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# Heartland Intermodal Partnership (HIP)



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# *Why HIP?*

- Central U.S. perceives itself as being landlocked
- Focus continues to remain on truck and rail solutions to freight capacity problems
- These assets alone cannot handle the ever increasing volume of freight
- Maritime will help to mitigate the crisis



# *Well Positioned*

Connection of Great Lakes and Gulf via the  
Mississippi River System





# *Vision*

To expedite safe and secure freight movements, reduce congestion and advocate increased use of the Heartland's intermodal and water resources as strategies for coping with demands on the region's transportation system.



# *Mission*

To support the competitiveness of Heartland Region business, industry, and labor in world markets through improved intermodal transportation



# Goals

- Educate
- Cooperate





# Goals *continued*

- Showcase
- Resource



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# *Objectives - Immediate*

- Forge a 24-state coalition of private industries; port authorities; trade organizations; MPO's; State DOTs; water, rail, and truck interests; and Federal agencies
- Establish an Executive Committee comprised of these interests to achieve professional and modal diversity.



# *Objectives - Intermediate*

- Marketing
- State DOT's
- MPO's





# *Objectives - Long-Term*

- Increase waterborne traffic
- Recognition of waterways





# *Executive Committee Meeting*

Three meetings

- St. Louis: June 3-4, 2003
- New Orleans: December 5, 2003
- Chicago: June 17-18, 2004



# *Result of June Meeting*

➤ Established a Work Plan

➤ Categories

- Administration
- Membership
- Funding
- Research & Development



# ***HEARTLAND INTERMODAL PARTNERSHIP***

Web site:  
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